

## **Agenda Item: Zoning Application 2021-739 Columbaria Text Amendment**

**DATE:** October 11, 2020  
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### **Background/Issue:**

- The Town currently does not have definitions for Columbaria or Open Wall Columbaria even though both are used by the Unified Development Ordinance.
- The applicant seeks to add a definition that would allow smaller columbaria to be treated similarly to a fence/wall.
- Columbaria come in a variety of types and sizes. They can be freestanding walls, outdoor structures, or small buildings. Typically, these are walls lined with small vaults holding cremated remains.
- The text amendment would add a definition for "Open Wall Columbarium" to the Unified Development Ordinance
- The definition would include an exemption for columbaria that are less than or equal to 8 feet in height. Columbaria 8 feet or less would be considered walls by definition.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

- Planning Board made a recommendation to approve only adding the definition of open wall columbaria
- Since Planning Board, the applicant has updated the proposed text to only include the new definition.

### **Financial Impact:**

None

### **Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:**

Quality of Life  
Economic Development/Land Use Planning

### **Recommended Motion/Action:**

Approve Zoning Application 2021-739 to add a definition of Open Wall Columbarium

*Board of Commissioners*  
**APPROVED**

*October 11, 2021*  
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